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FOLLOWING REPEAT BONN 06855 ACTION SECSTATE INFO KINSHASA
LIBREVILLE DATED APR 21:

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SUBJECT: CONGO (B): DELIVERY OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S
MESSAGE

REFS: (A) STATE 58089; (B) BONN 5065; (C) STATE 63849;
(D) STATE 65332; (E) STATE 89708

1. FRG AMBASSADOR DERIX SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING REPORT
TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE APRIL 19. FOREIGN OFFICE
DELIVERED MESSAGE TO EMBASSY APRIL 21.

"ON APRIL 16 I TRANSMITTED TO COLONEL YHOMBI-
OPANGO, THE NEW CONGOLESE CHIEF OF STATE, THE MESSAGE
FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TRANSMITTED TO ME WITH THE
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REFERENCED TELEX (STATE 58089; FRG NUMBER 7). SUBJECT
MESSAGE HAD ARRIVED ON MARCH 18 ONLY A FEW HOURS BEFORE
NGOUABI'S ASSASSINATION AND COULD NOT BE DELIVERED
TO THE ADDRESSEE AT THE TIME BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC
EVENTS. THE CONGOLESE PRESIDENCY HAS NOW COME BACK
OF ITS OWN ACCORD TO MY REQUEST OF MARCH 18 FOR AN
INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT AND ASKED ME TO DELIVER THE

MESSAGE TO THE NEW CHIEF OF STATE.

"CHIEF OF STATE YHOMBI-OPANGO, WHO EXPRESSED HIS THANKS FOR MY TRANSMITTING CARTER'S MESSAGE, SAID ON THIS OCCASION THAT HE WAS UNCONDITIONALLY (ABSOLUTELY) SEEKING THE FULL NORMALIZATION OF CONGOLESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS. FOR THIS REASON HE HAD ENTRUSTED THE CONGOLESE AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WHO HAD RETURNED TO HIS NEW YORK POST ON APRIL 14, WITH A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER. HE WOULD APPRECIATE THE GERMAN SIDE MAKING AVAILABLE ITS GOOD SERVICES TO ENSURE THAT UN AMBASSADOR MONDJO WILL BE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON TO TRANSMIT HIS, THE PRESIDENT'S, MESSAGE. THE CONCRETE AMERICAN PROPOSAL (SUGGESTING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS EMPOWERED TO COMMENCE TALKS) WOULD BE REPLIED TO IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

"THE CONGOLESE STATE RADIO ON THE SAME DAY REPORTED IN DETAIL ABOUT THE DELIVERY OF CARTER'S MESSAGE OF WHICH EXCERPTS WERE READ. AT THE SAME TIME THE POINT WAS STRESSED THAT THIS MESSAGE HAD BEEN MEANT FOR PRESIDENT NGOUABI AND BORE THE DATE OF MARCH 18. THIS APPARENTLY CONSTITUTES AN ATTEMPT TO PREPARE THE PUBLIC FOR A NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE US, WHEREBY CHIEF OF STATE YHOMBI, BY REFERRING TO THE ORIGINAL ADDRESSEE OF CARTER'S MESSAGE, CLEVERLY PRESENTS HIMSELF AS A POLITICIAN WHO CONTINUES NGOUABI'S POLICY.
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"IN THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION I HAD SOME DAYS AGO, FOR A DIFFERENT REASON, WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHEF DE CABINET, IKOUEBE, THE LATTER SAID WITH REFERENCE TO THE US THAT IT WAS THE EXPRESSED POLICY OF THE NEW PRESIDENT SOON TO HAVE THE AMERICANS BACK IN BRAZZAVILLE. IN THE END NGOUABI, TOO, HAD BEEN PURSUING THIS GOAL. THE CONGOLESE SIDE HAD COME TO REALIZE THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING VARIOUS SOCIAL POLICY OPTIONS, A BIG POWER LIKE THE US WHICH, MOREOVER, HAS A PERMANENT SEAT IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, CANNOT IN THE LONG RUN BE IGNORED.

"IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT BE INFORMED OF THIS MESSAGE. DERIX"

2. COMMENT: CHIEF OF STATE YHOMBI-OPANGO APPARENTLY ACTED ON INFORMATION REPORTED IN STATE 63849 TO SUMMON AMBASSADOR DERIX AND REQUEST

DELIVERY OF THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.
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